



Broiler Hatchery

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Broiler-Type Eggs Set in the United States Up 1 Percent

Hatcheries in the United States weekly program set 244 million eggs in incubators during the week ending June 10, 2023, up 1 percent from a year ago. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week in the United States was 79.4 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three-weeks earlier.

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed in the United States Down 1 Percent

Broiler growers in the United States weekly program placed 189 million chicks for meat production during the week ending June 10, 2023, down 1 percent from a year ago. Cumulative placements from the week ending January 7, 2023 through June 10, 2023 for the United States were 4.30 billion. Cumulative placements were down slightly from the same period a year earlier.

Broiler-Type Eggs Set – Selected States and United States: 2023

State	Week ending					
	May 6, 2023	May 13, 2023	May 20, 2023	May 27, 2023	June 3, 2023	June 10, 2023
	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)	(1,000 eggs)
Alabama	34,295	33,775	34,186	33,814	34,924	34,648
Arkansas	25,001	24,878	24,865	24,791	25,030	25,309
Delaware	5,430	5,433	5,445	5,435	5,437	5,436
Florida	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225	1,225
Georgia	36,143	36,070	36,329	35,679	36,124	35,895
Kentucky	6,727	6,610	6,743	6,637	6,506	6,349
Louisiana	3,548	3,500	3,502	3,500	3,439	3,500
Maryland	8,092	8,089	8,090	8,090	8,088	8,090
Mississippi	16,815	15,978	16,559	16,917	16,707	16,700
Missouri	10,100	10,100	10,100	10,100	10,000	10,100
North Carolina	25,231	24,615	25,292	25,301	25,368	25,316
Oklahoma	7,585	7,591	7,633	7,437	7,745	7,784
Pennsylvania	6,625	6,966	6,849	6,800	7,115	7,166
South Carolina	5,555	5,653	5,635	5,567	5,742	6,056
Texas	19,019	19,014	18,733	18,498	18,656	18,591
Virginia	5,879	5,895	5,910	5,910	5,909	5,910
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	12,992	13,289	13,536	13,669	13,349	13,559
Other States	12,330	12,922	12,787	12,286	12,714	12,809
United States	242,592	241,603	243,419	241,656	244,078	244,443

Broiler-Type Chicks Placed – Selected States and United States: 2023

State	Week ending					
	May 6, 2023	May 13, 2023	May 20, 2023	May 27, 2023	June 3, 2023	June 10, 2023
	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)	(1,000 chicks)
Alabama	24,254	23,962	23,788	23,984	23,373	23,537
Arkansas	21,213	21,877	20,994	22,449	21,320	20,831
Delaware	5,149	5,126	5,210	4,595	4,895	5,008
Florida	1,283	1,189	1,273	1,155	1,260	1,261
Georgia	26,894	26,642	27,192	27,652	27,952	28,332
Kentucky	5,539	5,746	5,662	5,728	5,730	5,817
Louisiana	2,990	3,020	3,006	2,971	2,749	2,926
Maryland	5,998	5,384	5,084	5,345	5,708	5,612
Mississippi	12,832	13,070	12,830	13,412	12,795	13,219
Missouri	6,657	6,619	6,433	6,697	6,980	6,162
North Carolina	19,071	19,259	19,481	19,303	19,205	19,011
Oklahoma	4,364	3,952	5,211	3,582	4,339	5,363
Pennsylvania	4,318	4,376	4,429	4,291	4,583	4,502
South Carolina	4,775	4,426	4,466	4,417	4,471	5,531
Texas	14,461	14,418	14,850	14,865	15,058	14,764
Virginia	4,982	5,624	5,668	5,871	5,702	5,720
California, Tennessee, and West Virginia	11,269	12,566	11,967	12,142	11,360	12,056
Other States	9,306	9,577	9,727	9,233	9,733	9,383
United States	185,355	186,833	187,271	187,692	187,213	189,035

Statistical Methodology

Survey Procedures: Data for broiler hatchery estimates are collected weekly from all broiler-type hatcheries that hatch at least one million chicks a year. Individual NASS regional field offices maintain a list of all known hatcheries and update their lists on a continual basis. All hatcheries that meet the minimum size criteria are given adequate time to respond to the weekly survey. Those that do not respond are contacted by telephone. The weekly United States total for chicks placed includes states receiving greater than 500,000 chicks annually for grow-out.

Estimating Procedures: All data are analyzed for unusual values. Data from each operation are compared to their own past operating profile and to trends from similar operations. Data for missing operations are estimated based on similar operations or historical data. NASS regional field offices prepare these estimates by using a combination of survey indications and historic trends. Individual State estimates are reviewed by the Agricultural Statistics Board for reasonableness.

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